



## **H.R. 3541 – The Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007**

### **FLOOR SITUATION**

H.R. 3541 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Michael Doyle (D-PA) on September 17, 2007. The House Energy and Commerce Committee approved the bill, as amended, by voice vote on October 30, 2007.

H.R. 3541 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 11, 2007.

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 3541 prohibits the Federal Trade Commission from removing telephone numbers from the national “do-not-call” list. Under current law, individuals are required to reregister their telephone numbers every five years. The bill also requires the FTC to remove disconnected or reassigned numbers twice per month. The original rule by the FTC required the list to be purged periodically.

### **BACKGROUND**

The federal “Do-Not-Call” Registry was established in 2003 under rules by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Earlier that year, Congress passed and the President signed the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act (P.L. 108-10), which provided the FTC the authority to collect fees and enforce the national registry through fiscal year 2007. The FTC rules prohibit telemarketers from calling numbers listed on the registry.

### **COST**

According to the Congressional Budget Office, implementing H.R. 3541 would cost less than \$500,000 per year.

[CBO Estimate: H.R. 3541](#)

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